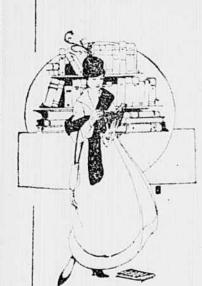
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JURY DOES NOT FIX BLAME FOR BOY'S DEATH

they are intended.

Finds That Robert Gordon Was Killed Saxs Tuberculosis Caused 296 Deaths by An Automobile Driven

oroper's jury testerday returned being struck by an automobile driven by C. A. Morris, Tol. West Marshall dence educed before the coroners was to the effect that Morris did the swerved his machine until it came close to fullding with a street or, but the fender struck Gordon and introduced him back to the carbing. The machine did not pass over his body several witnesses testified to three facts, and Morris himself said that he was driving showly and could not have made greater efforts to avoid hitting the boy had be been his own mother.

ACCIDENTAL VILLED.

brought in vesterdey afternoon by the coroner's jury impension by 1r. 3. Fulmer Bright, county coroner of Henrico, to probe the death of Edgar Beveridge, a car repairse for the Chesapeake and Ohio Ballway who was instantly killed Sunday morning by a shifting ceal car in Fulton Vards. The longuest was held at Woody's undertaking establishment Twenty-sixth by the coroner of the coroner's jury impension to produce of the Milburn, eleven years old of the coroner of the c dertaking establishment Twenty-sixth and Broad Streets Beverlage was sixty-two years old and lived at 311 Disc.

West Cayy Street.

MAYOR APPROVES SALE OF RED CROSS SEALS

in Richmond Last Year, or 11 Per Cent of Total Deaths.

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"Tuberculous was the cause of the leaths of 236 edizent of lichmond last vear. It caused a little over 11 per centum of the total deaths. That means that under present conditions the resultions demands the life of one of 126 every (wenty-nine lingues and a ball.)

Boy Falls From Tree.

John Milburn, eleven years old, of 601 1-2 North Twenty-third Street, is a patient at Memorial Hospital, where he is received when he fell from a tree. The hoy is said to have fallen on a stick which entered his left cheek and caused a painful, though not serious, wound, He was reported as doing well hast night.

Disorderly House Raided.

Justice Crutchfield vesterday fined

Drops Dead on Street.

G. B. Cooper, 102 South Righth Street, arouped dead on the street near his home about 2 oclock last night. Coroner Taylor was of the opinion that heart failure was the cause of his death Ambunance Surreon Seaso was called to the pastorate of Immanuel Baptist Church, made vacant by the resignation of the pastor, Rev. W. T. Hall, Mr. Smith, who has been for dead before the surgeon arrived. The flex was reported as doing well hast night.

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The Council Street Committee yes deriv house at the North Madison terday recommended for passage an Street. Policemen Galbraith and J. J. Smith raided the place Saturday night way Company to construct an additional spur track across South Fourteenth Street. The measure was recommended subject to the approval of the City Engineer and City At-Carr and Lizzie Evans, colored, were fined \$10 and costs each.

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BOLLING TO INVESTIGATE CAUSE OF GAS EXPLOSIONS

Superintendent W. P. Knowles Files Report With Administrative Board.

Engineer Bolling was directed Board, was made vice-president.

Administrative Board yesterThe Federation of Mothers' Clubs, the ty Engineer Politing was directed the Administrative Board yester-to conduct an independent investi-on into the conditions leading to and other like organizations were asked to co-operate with the Empty Stocking he gas explosions in the downtown strict last Friday and Saturday, and Club. The report what steps should be taken

precautionary measures he took when apprised of the trouble, and his dis-covery that the explosions were due to leakage from a broken gas main at Tenth and Main Streets.

DUE TO SETTLING OF EARTH IN DEEP SEWER TRENCH

Mr. Knowles reported to the board that the gas main was broken by pres-

BROOKER TRIAL TO-MORROW

Violating Harrison Antinarcotic Act.

20 for indiscriminately prescribing habit-forming drugs, and the trial began about a month later, resulting in a bung jury. Two demurrers to the trial trials to the trials are trials to the trials trials to the trials trials to the trials trials to the trials t act does not limit physicians in pre-scribing narcotics; in the second, i

CHAUFFEURS IN COURT

"I hearfily commend to the charitable instincts of our people your efforts to all Red Cross Christman seals for the benefit of your work among tuberers less matterns."

"The artilly commend to the charitable collision. He said that he did everything he could to avoid an accident, but that he had not shough room in which to pass the other car.

George Winston, driver of the Branch car, he will be a considered with the continuous continuous collision.

Police Bonor James N. Boyd.

Empty Stocking Fund Organized

John T. Wilson to Head Movement for Community Chri tmas Tree.

LEAK DUE TO EARTH SETTLING At the meeting of the Community Improperly Fided Sewer Trenches
Are Given as Chief Cause of Rerent Serious Damage at Important cent Serious Damage at Important
Downtown Centers.

Tree Committee, and Commissioner
John Hirschberg, of the Administrative

to report what steps should be taken to prevent a recurrence of the trouble.

This action was taken on the motion of Henry P. Beck, after the board had

HOPEWELL CASE GOES TO U. S. SUPREME COURT nesses will be paying their usual dividends and many more than at present paying extra dividends.

to James Zotti, Convicted of Selling Liquor in Guncotton City.

Hopewell is to make its debut this trench running above the pipe. The tescaping gas accumulated in the large conduit of the Virginia Italiway and Power Company, and, becoming ignited in a manner not thoroughly established, caused explosions at several points in the downtown section—notably at Ninth and Main and at Tenth and Main Streets.

The board directed Mr. Bolling to report on all deep trenches crossing Main Street, from Seventh to Twelfth Streets, and, if necessary, to dig into the street and examine their present condition.

Hopewell is to make its debut this winter in the Supreme Court of the United States.

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The first case to reach the Supreme Court of the United States.

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Foreign Relief Association to Give Amstered Play and Academy on December 10 and 11.

A cast composed of Richards society folk, will present a "Comedy of Toys" on December 10 and 11, with a matine performance on the latter date, at the Academy of Music for the heart is the cast for the wars sufferers in stic/en the anaphec of the Foreign Relief Association.

The Play will be held under the Richards of the wars sufferers in stic/en the anaphec of the Foreign Relief Association was formed about one year aro, with Henry W. Anselsson as president, and since that the Academy of Music for the managed in helping the matthins of the wars-fiden nation. For some time Mrs. W. E. Thurston, assisted by Mrs. Robott M. Ellakenship, has been emarged in whipping the cast into shape, and a performance which has been emarged in whipping the cast into shape, and a performance which has been emarged in whipping the cast into shape, and a performance which has been emarged in whipping the cast into shape, and a performance which promises to rank high in local amatter.

Mrs. Arthur Wil-lower court, praying for the reforma-tion of a certain deed executed by Vaughan and others, the defendants, the deed might specifically convey by full description all of the land pur-chased by Keller from the defendants, and which it was the full intention of all the parties to have had included in the deed, but which, on account of a mistake of the scrivenor who drew the deed, was left in doubt. The land denied that this tract was to be veyed with the rest of the farm.

DR. LACY NAMED

Will Represent Virginia at Conven- shortage is quite general." in Washington.

Governor Stuart has appointed Rev. antended that the act is unconsulated that th Commonwealth B. O. James. Colonel James also issued commis-

Richmond.

A charge of reckless driving and exceeding the speed limit against R. K. Meitynolds, chauffeur of Governor to represent this State, to the Governor to represent this States, to the Administrative Board tap Cryptally Park Land Corporation for the Conference on Labor Distribution for the Southeastern States, to the Governor to the Governor States, to the Governor to the Governor States, to the Governor States, to the Governor States, to the Governor States, to the Governor to the Governor States, t

Secretary of Sayings-Bank Section to Address Local Chapter of Institute of Banking.

M. W. Harrison, secretary of the sav-

ACCIDENTAL KILLING

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Coroner's Jury investigates Death of Edgar Beaveridge, Car Repairer. in Futton Vards.

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Edgar Beave

terday on a charge of selling liquor A large pleture of the late James N Boyd, friend of the Police Depart-ment, who left the Police Benevolont Association 225,000 in all all the negro.

BUSINESS ON PAYING BASIS, SAYS REPORT

American National Bank Issues Encouraging Letter on Trade Conditions.

REASON FOR CONGRATULATION

Never Before, Even in Most Prosperous Times, Has So Large a Per-centage of Business Been Enjoying Such Prosperity.

The American National Bank, in its general letter on trade conditions and a business forecast of the month of December, made public yesterday, finds many facts testifying to the improving

many facts testifying to the improving conditions in the business world.
"A general casting up of the situa-tion," the letter states, "at this time indicates that perhaps 95 per cent of the businesses in this country are sold This action was taken on the day of Henry P. Bock, after the board had of Henry P. Bock, after the board had by Superintendent Knowles, of the Gas Works, relating in detail the circumstances surrounding the explosions, the stances surrounding the explosions to will ask aid of all.

> "This leaves 5 per cent of businesses generally either doing a hand-to-mouth business and just about running even. cent of our business interests suffer

interest payments will increase \$5,000,-000. Business failures for October numbered 1,476, compared with 1,340 a as compared with liabilities of \$15,000,- 1 concerns were about \$8,000,000, leav

WILL SELL NO MORE WATER

ing the use of city water to additional of

holding the use of city water outside the corporate limits, rests with the

Carl and Floyd Proffitt, were fined \$10 and costs each by Justice Crutch-field yesterday when arraigned in the Police Court on a charge of being distorderly in the Capital City Lunchro 604 East Broad Street, and throw

several dishes at Ramon Ronk.

Street, was reported as doing well at Virginia Hospital yesterday. Wade was shot in the back with a .22 caliber rifle by a companion while hunting last Thursday.

J. F. Wade, 2304 East Franklin of the Owens & Minor Drug Company and stealing six ounces of morphine, that the back with a .22 caliber rifle by a companion while hunting last Thursday.

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CALLS BOARD OF REVIEW TO ACT ON BANK TAX

Chairman Minor Will Convene Body Some Officials Have Fat Emolu-To-Day to Assist Examiner Sands.

TO PROCEED AGAINST BANKS STRONG LOBBY IS EXPECTED

Board Will Authorize Issuing of Political Influence of Fee Office-Summonses Citing Depositories to Show Cause Why They Should Not Report Taxable Moneys.

Board of Review, yesterday afternoon Fee System Commission, which was called a meeting of the board to be appointed by the last General Assemheld in his office to-day for the purpose bly and assigned to the task of asof taking action on the demand of Ex-aminer of Records William H. Sands penses borne by them in the conduct

to shape, and a performance which of error and supersedens in the case omises to rank high in local amateur of E. E. Holland and others w. E. M. eatrical circles will be given.

The chaperons of the dances which to shape, and a performance which of error and supersedens in the case the dividend payments will be \$8,000.

Vaughan and others, which came up from the Circuit Court of the City of one. Business failures for October will probably be issued as a result of A showdown on the part of the banks,

cific Coast, where unusually heavy building for the last few years makes a comparison unfair.

"The number of idle cars on November 1 was 26,000, compared with 78,-000 a month ago and 170,000 a year ago. It is estimated that the total number of cars without loads which are fit for servige does not exceed 5,000, while fully 100,000 loads are waiting for cars, especially at heavy grainshipping points, although the car shortage is quite general."

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The accused officers denied the charge, claiming that because they had been active in reporting law violators, efforts had been made to discredit there. CHAUFFEURS IN COURT

| Seld in Washington, D. C., December of the commission was issued to Dr. Lacy yesterday by Secretary of the commission of Hopewell, and a number of the was of city water to additional of water of the lace of the ing the use of city water to additional of witnesses were examined, after suburbs outside the corporate limits, which the board voted unanimously to

ley car, on Q Street, near Twentyon December 17, 1914, when the car started suddenly forward, dragging him about 200 feet. The company's employees in charge of the car are charged with negligence and failure to exercise proper care.

Additional Warrants Served. Detective Sergeants Wily and Kel-

Creed Liggon and Andrew Taliaferre the negroes now in Jail awaiting trial on a charge of breaking into the store J. E. Wade, 2904 East Franklin of the Owens & Minor Drug Company

by this bank are placed in compliance with the Federal Reserve Act, and are considered by large

by First Mortgage on Virginia farm lands at 50

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